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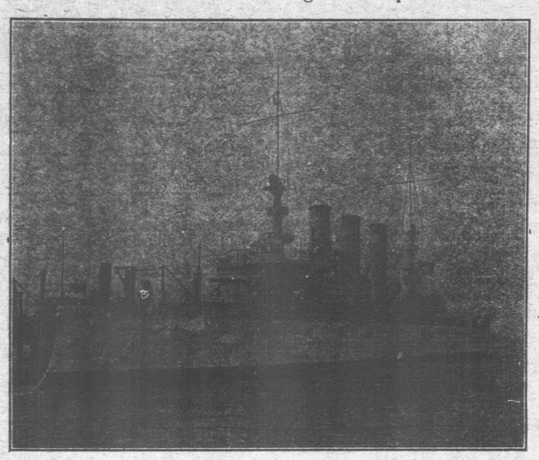

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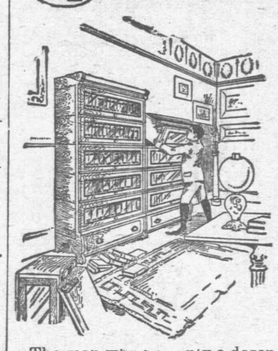

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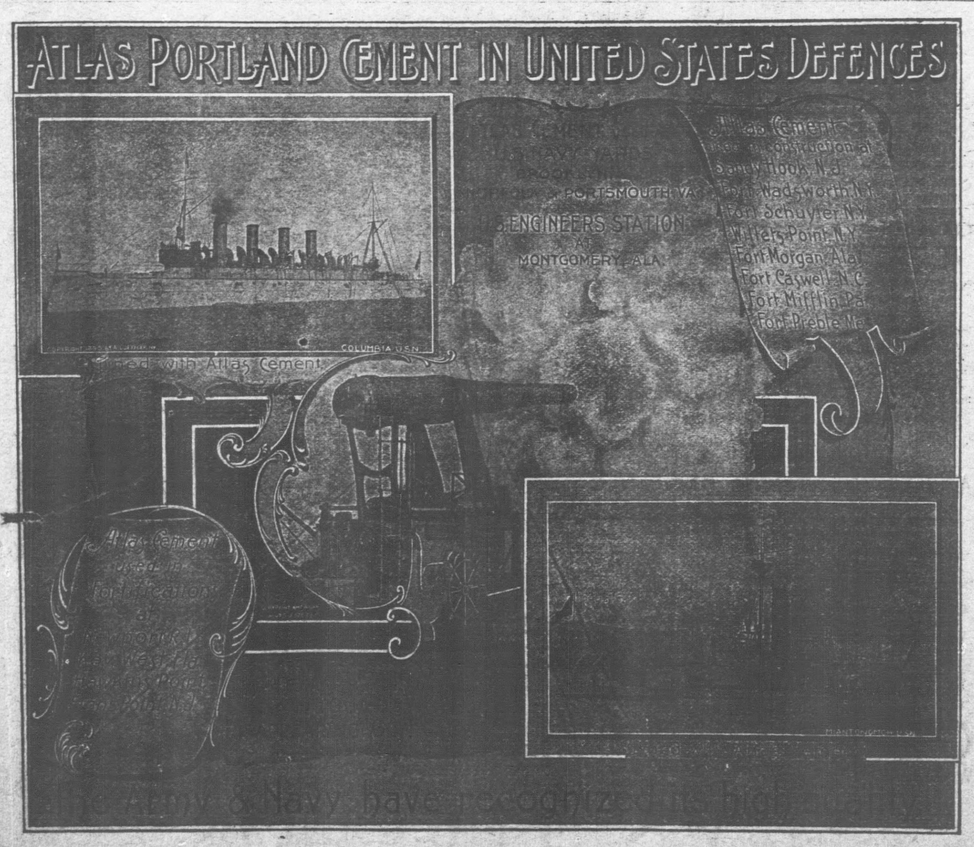

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GRAND JURY TO DECIDE

Will Consider the Facts Surrounding the Fatal Accident to Dr. Green

Notwithstanding his belief that the evidence he has would not stand in law in a criminal action against Joseph C. Noblitt, who figured in the accident in which Dr. Charles Green was fatally injured, last June, Attorney-General Gray has decided to lay the evidence he has before the grand jury and allow it to decide whether to bring in an indictment. Many persons have expressed the belief that criminal action should be taken and the attorney general will do his part toward taking such a step. While he has been unable to obtain what he considers sufficient evidence, he is still pursuing the inquiry with the hope that he can learn all of the facts surrounding the case in time to present the matter to the grand jury at the January term of court.

On June 21st Dr. Green made the following sworn statement:

I, Charles Green, being conscious of the fact that my present condition is not such as to justify me in expecting a favorable result of my serious injuries, desire to make the following statement: The injuries to which I do refer above occurred on June 19th, 1909, near Greenville, Delaware, at about half past six P. M. In company with my cousin, James Wilson, I was coming north on the Kennett pike at the place to which I already refer and riding in a buggy or runabout. We were driving at a very moderate pace and saw an automobile coming in an opposite direction from us, and also heard another automobile coming from the rear of our conveyance. We had drawn our horse's head somewhat to the right in order to give the automobile which was approaching us ample room and therefore thought there would be no question that the one behind us would have ample room to pass us. In an instant, without the slightest warning, except the noise of the machine coming from the rear, to which I have referred, our conveyance was struck and both Mr. Wilson and myself were thrown and struck by and rolled by this automobile coming in the rear. It was done in an instant of course, and when I inquired who did it, I was told it was Mr. Joseph C. Noblitt. Afterward a lady who came to inquire of me if they or she could be of any service or assistance to me, said, I am Mrs. Noblitt. When I realized my position I found I was under the front axle between the wheel and holding on to the axle.

During all this time I never lost consciousness nor have I been unconscious at any time since.

Charles Green (Seal).

Witnesses: Wilkin L. Strahorn and Lewis C. Fritz.

LOAFERS

There is not a village in the land that has not its chronic corner loafer. The evidence of their industry may be seen on every store box left outside and standing in the shade. The fact is that the primal curse is regarded as a curse by the great majority of our fellows.

Few men work for the pleasure of it. The most industrious are laboring for the good time when they can loll the lazy hours away. It is useless for economists to exhort such people and construct tables showing how much is lost by laziness; how much might be gained by industry. Nothing but actual necessity drives the majority of men and women to work. Civilization makes what we call artificial wants and necessities and in that way promotes industry; but if bread-fruit trees grew along all our highways and dates and pomegranites hung invitingly from bushes that need no cultivation, our army of loafers would be at once increased to immense proportions.

Those having bills against the Estate of G. F. Brady, will please present the same not later than December 31st, 1909, as I wish to make final settlement, with the Register. FRED BRADY, Executor.

FRUIT AND HEALTH

The acid condition of the blood supposed to be a prominent factor in the causation of rheumatism and allied disorders, is often as well counteracted by the natural fruit acids as by alkalies, there being more danger of overdoing the alkaline treatment than of overdoing the imbibing of fruit acids, any surplus of which the system seems to dispose of with comparative ease and comfort.

While fruits as a whole do not rank as formers of flesh and tissue, yet they supply more or less of a substance known chemically as *pectin*, a jelly-like substance that is closely allied to albumen in its effects, as well as some salts and chemicals which are a constituent part of the human frame divine. As to the pectin, peaches are said to contain it in most generous quantity—the apple coming next.

Sugar is another important constituent of some fruits, notably grapes, cherries, pears and gooseberries. Some authoritative figures state that grapes yield thirteen pounds of pure sugar to the hundred weight, cherries over ten pounds, and gooseberries about seven pounds.

This fruit sugar is designated grape sugar since grapes lead in the content of it. Such fruits as contain sugar in goodly amounts, are especially adapted to lean people since sugar, being a member of the carbon family, is stored in the system as fat. These sugar fruits contain their sugar in the form of starch while unripe, and are not only unpalatable but indigestible largely in this state, the ripening rays of old King Sol being an important factor here to convert this starch into the sugar of the ripened fruit, thus saving the human stomach a lot of work.

The strawberry has the minimum quantity of *pectin*, but on the other hand, has the maximum of nitrogenous material and hence is really more nutritious than all the others. The large content of jelly-like *pectin* in the apple accounts for its superiority for jelly making.

Red fruits contain iron in larger quantity than pale or white ones, and are valuable for anemic or pale people who will derive much benefit from eating them.

Bilious people might see the world more rosy from eating freely of grapes, strawberries and oranges. In point of acidity lemons rank first, oranges second, with currants a close third. Citric acid is the acid of lemons and oranges, while the acid of the grape is the well known tartaric acid. The least acid fruit known to date is the pear.

Owing largely to its great latitude in culinary fields the apple is probably the most popular of any one fruit. Children should have a generous supply of the best fruit on the farm. Both over-ripe and under-ripe fruit fall of the benefits outlined and should never be used.

"A heavenly Paradise is that place
Wherein all pleasant fruits do grow."

HE TELLS SEX OF EGGS

NEW ROCHELLE, Dec. 25.—A New Rochelle inventor, Walter Gunnarson, expects within a short time to get a patent on his Xograph, a simple machine for detecting the sex of an egg before hatching. Mr. Gunnarson is a landscape gardner, and is the superintendent of Rochelle Park. He has spent ten years in experimenting and now claims that with his machine, he can tell whether an egg is fertile and if it contains the embryo of a rooster or a pullet.

The machine is a small affair, made of wood, and consists of an inverted cup with a handle. A hollow cone is suspended freely inside of the cup by a metal chain. Inside the handle lies the secret.

Mr. Gunnarson has engaged a booth at the coming Madison Square Garden poultry show and intends to demonstrate his Xograph this week.

The inventor, to show the efficiency of his machine, placed a number of eggs on an incubator and held his machine over one of them. The cone began immediately to revolve in a rotary orbit, until it was removed from the egg.

"It is a rooster," said the inventor, "when the cone goes around in a circle, and when it swings like a pendulum, the eggs will develop into a pullet."

He thinks his machine will put the raising of chickens on a scientific basis.

STOP GAMBLING

WASHINGTON, December 27th.—Stock gambling in wheat, corn, cotton and other products of the farm will be prohibited hereafter, if recommendation, soon to be made to Congress by Mr. Taft, is enacted into a law. The President is convinced that legitimate industry suffers from gambling in futures, and he believes a gullible public should be protected from this form of speculation.

Accordingly, he has decided to urge Congress to adopt a law that will be as effective in dealing with stock gambling as was the law aimed at the sale of lottery tickets and the great concerns engaged in the business. The evil of stock gambling will form the subject of a conference soon to be held at the White House. The President is deeply interested and will make known his views on the question in a special message, or in a report on the bill soon to be introduced by Representative Scott of Kansas, chairman of the house committee.

EASTON FAVORS WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

Woman has captured Easton, Md. The Council has surrendered, and, in addition, has taken up her cause with a promise to fight as valiantly for her as it ever did to secure better fire protection or to pave a new street.

The winning over the men came when a large delegation of determined suffragists visited the Council Chamber and asked for support in their efforts to obtain for woman the right to vote at the municipal elections.

Without opposition or hagling the Councilmen promptly yielded and forthwith named a committee to draft necessary amendments to the town charter that will allow the fair sex to go to the polls and vote.

The amendment will carry a property qualification, and will empower only those women to vote who own at least $500 worth of property and are taxed therefor.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

In 18 years alfalfa has become the leading grass crop of Kansas. The 1909 statistics show that the State's alfalfa area is greater than that of the timothy, clover, blue grass, orchard grass and other tame grasses combined.

Considerable more than 50 per cent. of the entire wheat crop of 1907, estimated in round numbers at 634,000,000 bushels, was grown in 15 of the older States east of the Mississippi, their gross yield being placed at 382,000,000 bushels. This is more than three times as much as the largest wheat crop ever grown in the Canadian Northwest.

Fresh poultry manure is said to be worth, compared with the present value of fertilizers, 65 cents per 100 pounds. Figures from different experiment stations give the product of 25 hens for the winter season of six months as 375 pounds for the roost droppings only.

The fact that Delaware farmers have produced two crops—corn and crimson clover—each year for many successive years and that the land was steadily improved under this rotation is strong evidence in favor of Professor Whitney's assertion that our soils are inexhaustible under intelligent tillage.

Seventeen Jersey cows under authenticated fat tests have produced 700 pounds of butter or over in one year. These cows represent the herds of 11 different owners in nine States. The average yield of butter of the 17 is nearly 813 pounds.

It has been found that fresh air is also good for the horse. Keeping horses in filthy, dark, unventilated stables is the cause of many a case of sickness among horses. Canadian veterinary authorities claim that the average case of influenza or distemper will not need much medical attention if the horse is allowed an abundance of fresh air. It is absolutely certain that a plentiful supply of fresh air is necessary to maintain a horse in good health.

W. F. Schilling, president of the Minnesota Dairymen's Association, owns a Holstein cow, Esther Piebe de Kol, which produced 2885 pounds of milk in 30 days, or twice her own weight.

H. J. Ludlow, superintendent of the Nobles County (Minn.) Department of Horticulture, declares that for the past 17 years he has made from $500 to $800 a year on a half-acre of apple trees.

The annual feeding stuffs inspection bulletin of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station says that of the 368 brands of feed analyzed, 90 more than last year, only 22, or six less than last year, were found below guarantee in protein and fat—apparently a decided improvement in the quality of the feeds. But when we find that 10 brands of wheat by-products contain ground corncobs; that some half-dozen other brands place grain prices on alfalfa meal; that more than 30 brands, supposedly mixture of ground farm grains, contain oat hulls; that 28 brands of molasses feeds or similar mixtures contain considerable amounts of unground weed seeds, and that many of the compounded feeds are variously adulterated or sophisticated, we realize that no analysis giving merely chemical percentages can be an efficient check upon certain fraudulent practices. For this reason every careful feeder should welcome the changed law, effective January 1st, 1910, which requires a statement of fibre as well as protein and fat (except when the fibre is less than 5 per cent.), and also requires the maker of compounded feeds to tell what ingredients enter into the mixture.

In everything regularity is good practice, but in good dairying it is imperative. To give large and rich yields of milk is the sole function of the dairy cows, and to do this she must be of good dairy type, fed palatable and nutritious feeds and milked clean at regular periods.

The feed the cow eats is turned into milk and carried to her udder with extreme regularity, the same at all seasons. But, as a rule, she is milked at 5 o'clock of mornings in summer and at 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning in winter. The evening milking is done very late in summer and very early in winter. The very unequal periods are made for the cow by this sun-to-sun milking, and as a consequence the quality of her milk now and the length of her annual period are reduced. The cow can do her best only when milked at equal and regular daily period of about 12 hours each the year around.

To do the milking at equal and regular intervals each day is better for all concerned—better for the animals and better for the men. Milk about 6 o'clock both night and morning, let the sun be where it will. In winter it may be dark in the dairy stable at this hour, but the well-arranged dairy stable is warm and comfortable and can easily and safely be lighted by lanterns.

The job of milking cows is probably a drudgery to more milkers than a pleasure. Conditions in the dairy easily become such that the work of milking is dreaded. The man who doesn't try to enjoy his work usually allows such conditions to obtain, and the more he dreads the work the worse the conditions, and vice versa.

With cleanly conditions, convenient facilities for feeding and caring for the cows, and gentle cows (indicating kind treatment), the task of milking can be made quite as agreeable as any other work upon the farm. That is, providing the milking is not done when one ought to be in bed, and providing further, that he really takes pleasure in any kind of work.

PRIZES A LETTER

One of the most valued possessions of Philemma Chandler, County Comptroller, who has collected many curios during his life, is an autograph letter from Secretary of State William H. Seward, dated February 1st, 1868, in which he thanks Mr. Chandler for a letter sent by the latter, in which he commended the purchase of Alaska by the United States.

Mr. Chandler at that time, was a farmer at Centreville. He was an active Republican, however, and was, in those comparatively early days, an expansionist. To use the terms of his letter to Secretary Seward, he favored an "ocean-bound republic," from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Arctic to the Caribbean.

QUARTER OF CENTURY ANNIVERSARY

For Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon, was held December 2d to December 5th, 190

Rev. Edwin Whittier Caswell, the New York East Conference, first pastor of Grace Church, being ferred by Bishop Fowler from the nacle Church, Binghamton, New in 1884. Succeeding Mr. Caswell torate of three years, the following have served Grace Church—Rev. Houghton, Rev. G. W. Gue, Rev. I. Rasmus, Rev. Hugh D. Atc Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, Rev. C True Wilson, Rev. W. H. Heppe present pastor is the Rev. J. H. Cu

The Oregon Conference was t Conference Bishop Fowler held a election to the Episcopacy.

The following letter was writt Bishop Fowler, inviting Mr. Cas the new Grace Church.

Portland, Oregon, August 12th, 1

Dear Brother Caswell:—Hear Grace Church of this city, a new prise, with a chapel and lots worth $36,000, a vigorous membership, men and good, out of Taylor Stree old charge, excellent location, good on the city, young and vigorous, w pastor.

The city of Portland is Numbe with a bright future. The church w you $1800 and moving expenses, f first year, and doubtless more than after that. I believe you woul the position. I will transfer yo after three years if you desire me to

Rev. G. W. Chandler, of Genese ference, is coming to Taylor Street I know you will like him and his As soon as you receive this, tel me, care of Rev. J. W. Izer, Po Oregon.

I now regard Grace Church as th charge on the Pacific Coast.

Perhaps you will receive your here. I earnestly hope that you gram will be favorable.

Always yours,
C. H. Fow

The following letter is Mr. Cas reply to the invitation to be prese the twenty-fifth anniversary:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 23d 190

To the Members of the Grace Meth Episcopal Church, Portland, Oreg

My dear Friends in the Gosp Christ:—Grace to you and peace from the Father, and from our Lord Christ!

My dear brother, J. K. Gill, has ten me that you are soon to celebrat twenty-fifth anniversary of the orga tion of Grace Church. I thank you most heartily for the invitation you have extended to me, through Brother Gill, to be present on this interesting occasion. But, as it will be impossible for me to comply with your kind request, I will write you the words I might feel moved to speak, were I present with you.

Let me first quote a verse from the hymn which you may be led to sing on the occasion—

"Grace! 'Tis a charming sound
Harmonious to the ear;
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear."

The name of Grace Church, Portland, Oregon, awakens in my heart memories of the choicest fellowships, the richest harmonies and the grandest spiritual triumps, of all my ministry of forty years.

I have you so closely in my heart, partly because I was your first love. We worked together in our younger days, when it was questionable whether our dowry would be available in establishing a new church house for the Lord. We were faithful to each other when we had "fightings without and fears within," and perils all around. Therefore, our hearts have been knit together in love, and I have always longed for you all as fellow laborers in the Gospel, and have realized that neither distance nor years has lessened the deep regard which I have ever had for you all.

I have realized during the past twenty-five years of your eventful history, that your church building triumphs, your debt-paying successes, your revival victories, have been as much my own as though I had been present with you, for when we are once made one in Him, it is forever. Pastors may be changed, but the union between the under shepherd and his flock can never be dissolved, for love, influence and friendship are immortal.

Those precious souls who came into the Kingdom during my administration, will always shine as stars in my crown of rejoicing. They are mine, as they are Christ's, when He makes up His jewels. "For ye are our joy, and crown of rejoicing in the Lord." Many who were with us in the struggles of twenty-five years ago, are among the victors who have received their honorable discharge, and are now enjoying the bliss of an eternal peace. They will be with you in your songs of praises, and in your rejoicings, and will make

"Heaven's resounding mansions ring
With songs of sovereign grace."

When I was last with you, about five years ago, and looked upon your faces once more, my joy was unspeakable and full of glory. I remember that one hundred and twenty-five members stood up in the congregation at the request of the pastor, who were connected with the church during my pastorate twenty years before, and, at the close of the services, they welcomed me at the chancel, with smiles and tears, with praises and shoutings, giving me the warmest handclasps I had ever received, expressive of their Christian fellowship and undying regard. That scene will never be effaced from my memory.

Before I began my sermon on that morning, I was also thrilled with delight as I saw these former members and their grown-up children, coming through the three large doors of the auditorium, one after another. There were those whom I had married, led to the Savior, comforted in sorrow, baptised, taught in the Sunday School, and ministered to in many ways.

It seemed to me on that morning as though I had been translated to the Heavenly City, and that the multitude of the redeemed were coming in from all portions of the earth, through the twelve gates, into the General Assembly of the church triumphant. That service was a

pastor,
EDWIN WHITTIER CASWELL.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Lard should be hard, white and kept in a covered crock.

Dried fruits are best kept in bags and hung upon a dry wall.

Coffee and tea should be kept in closed canisters by themselves. Spices also.

Apples and oranges keep longer by being wrapped in tissue paper, in a cool, dry place.

Pies, cooked meats and cold cooked vegetables must be covered if not kept in a wired cupboard.

Ammonia is an excellent remedy for the bites and stings of insects. Apply immediately, if possible.

When the burners of lamps become clogged with char, put them in strong soapsuds, and boil awhile to clean them.

If tiles are out of question, oil paint is the only available wall covering for a kitchen, and should be finished with a coat of enamel.

To prevent bright pans from being blackened by smoke, rub with fat before putting them on the fire. Wash with hot water and soda.

The kitchen walls will require washing quite as much and almost as frequently as the floor. White tile make the finest possible covering not only because they show dirt, but because they can be easily cleaned.

Enamel the kitchen range instead of blacking it. This will make the ironwork as fresh as new, and further cleaning beyond the usual dusting and wiping off will be unnecessary for weeks. The enamel is odorless, is a preventive of rust, and does not rub off.

A small paint brush is the most convenient duster for rattan furniture or anything else where there are small openings to be reached.

If the curtain or portiere pole is rubbed with hard soap before the draperies are put over it, the draperies will slip easily.

A teaspoonful of vinegar boiling on the stove will counteract the smell of strong food.

A stale crust of bread boiled with cabbage will absorb the disaggreeable odor.

An onion breath may be gotten rid of by swallowing a mouthful of vinegar or drinking half cup of hot water in which a pinch of baking soda has been dissolved.

It is rather a hazardous task to launder chiffon and make it look immaculate without reducing it to shreds.

It should be carefully rolled and pressed between the hands and rinsed in clean water.

Then it should be stiffened in gum water, which is made by adding one tablespoonful of gum to a quarter of a pint of water.

The moisture is absorbed by rolling the chiffon in a cloth, for it must not be too dry when it is ironed.

Chiffon is ironed by being placed on the table wrong side up and pressed along the selvage so as not to displace the fibres.

When chiffon is ironed it should be held tightly up in front of the iron to remove the crinkles that are produced by washing.

Chiffon ties with a natural crepon wrinkle should not be ironed, but instead should have the ends pinned to the table just stretched enough to allow the crinkles to fall in their natural shape.

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MORE SUGAR THEFTS CONFESSED!

And now comes forward the Arbuckle Sugar Company, and confesses to robbing Uncle Sam of some $700,000, and refunds that amount accordingly. The National it is said is also conscience stricken, and is meditating the mourner's bench!

Now if old Rockefeller should get religion, and begin paying up old scores of the Standard Oil's 30 years rascalities, and the Beef Trust and the Tobacco Trust and the Cotton Seed Trust and the Hide and Leather Trust and a dozen or so more of the predatory Trusts who have been robbing people and government for years—if all these old offenders should also have like qualms of conscience—or get as badly caught as were these sugar thieves—and be forced to disgorge—the National treasury would overflow with fatness!

LEIPSIC MAN IS COLLECTOR

Announcement was made Tuesday by Senator H. A. Richardson, at Dover, that Harry Raymond, of Leipsic, would be named as collector of port for the Delaware district to succeed David S. Clark, whose term has just expired. Mr. Raymond's name will be sent to the Senate on next Tuesday, it being announced that Senator duPont and Congressman Heald have agreed to the recommendation made by Senator Richardson. Mr. Raymond at present is deputy register of wills of Kent county. Until a few years ago he taught school in Kent county and subsequently became accountant and manager of a canning factory at Leipsic. Last year he took the position in the register of wills' office at Dover. Mr. Raymond is 50 years old, is married and lives at Dover. He has been a life-long Republican. It is said that Mr. Raymond expressed no desire for the office until ten days ago, when he casually remarked to a company of friends who were discussing the appointment that he "would not mind having the place." The party herd of Mr. Raymond's desires and at a conference, which followed, he was selected as the new official.

REVENUE BOARD REVIEWS WORK

The State Commission on Revenue and Taxation held a meeting at Dover Wednesday, when there was a discussion of the work accomplished at the various conferences held since the Legislature adjourned.

During the year the commission has considered many phases of the subject of providing an adequate revenue for the State, to supplement the laws already enacted at the suggestion of the commission.

At Wednesday's meeting it was decided to confer with the Levy courts of the three counties to get suggestions from these bodies as to taxation and to avoid conflict between the State and the counties in the matter of taxes.

The first conference will be held with the Levy Court of New Castle county on January 12th.

[Communicated.]

UNCLEANED STREET CROSSINGS

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—The citizens with praiseworthy promptness after the fall of this 30 inch deep white scourge of snow, by Sunday evening had opened up a fair pathway upon almost every pavement in the town. The Town Commissioners, through their Street Committee, with blameworthy tardiness for two days or more allowed those citizens to wallow through that 30-inch deep snow on the street crossings.

Now, Mr. Editor, I'm a curious cuss and would like to know a few things:

1. Why does the town ordinance compel a citizen to clean his sidewalk off within six hours after snow has ceased to fall, and yet allow the Town Commissioners two days or so to clean up the street crossings?

2. Our efficient Chief of Police sees to it that persons refusing to comply with the ordinance are fined. What should he do to the Street Committee for such palpable failure to do their duty?

3. Is this slouchy attention to public comfort that permits the street crossings to be uncleaned for so long a time, a first-class object lesson to the people on how to fulfil civic duties?

Never before were the streets and gutters so promptly opened up after so severe a fall of snow, and the credit for this is due largely to the town's police officer—Mr. Stanley. KNOCKER.

EDISON'S PREDICTIONS

Thomas A. Edison predicts that within the next twenty years the art of moulding concrete will reach a marvelous degree of perfection of architecture. This will not be achieved by great expenditures of money; it will be accomplished by labor-saving appliances which will so cheapen the cost of production that twenty years hence, the poor will have more beautiful homes than the rich can now aspire to.

Mr. Edison predicts that moving-picture machines will be so perfect that the characters will move and speak, and the stage accessories will make the illusions perfect. Such entertainments, he says, can be provided for five cents, and will give the millions of working people a chance to be amused and improved. The result will be a hard blow to the saloon.

Locomotives will pass out of existence, and all railroads will be operated by electricity. This prophecy is evident of fulfillment. An artist searching for a model of a steam locomotive found out the other day that to see an old-fashioned engine he would have to go to Jersey City, as electricity operates all roads running to New York proper.

The water power of our rivers and brooks will be utilized by electricity to an extent now undreamed of.

A new fertilizer will spring into existence containing nitrogen in large quantities. Electricity will draw this from the air, and will greatly increase the arability of our land. This is done to a large extent to-day in Sweden.

Aerial navigation will be firmly established, and will be on a sound, practical working basis in twenty years.

Our bodies will be fortified against the ravages of disease by the use of serums, so that man will live much longer than now and suffer far less pain. The present fight against cancer and tuberculosis will be carried to a successful finish, and both these dreaded scourges will be as rare as smallpox.

AGAINST WILSON BALLOT LAW

The first concerted step towards an effort to repeal the Wilson Ballot law in Maryland was made at Centreville recently when about 50 Republicans and Independents met in the Court House to draft a constitution to be presented to the next Legislature.

Mr. DeCoursey W. Thom, one of the defeated candidates for the House of Delegates on the Independent ticket, is at the head of the movement and called the meeting to order. He was made president of the association, which is to be known as the Anti-Wilson Ballot Law Association of Queen Annes County. Mr. James T. Bright, a leader in the Independent movement, was made secretary.

The object of the meeting was to place the constitution in the hands of solicitors who will, in turn, receive the names of all those who are opposed to the law and they to be later presented at the legislature.

PROGRAM FOR FRUIT GROWERS

The executive committee has completed a fine program of the twenty-third annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society in the Opera House, Centreville, Maryland, on January 11th, 12th and 13th. It is as follows: Tuesday, 2 P. M.—Prayer: address of welcome, J. H. C. Legg, Centreville; response, J. W. Kerr, Denton; president's address, W. Irving Walker, Queen Anne county; peach culture, W. G. Dawson, Cambridge. Tuesday, 7.40 P. M.—Garden Crops That Pay, Prof. E. C. Myers, Pennsylvania; The Experimental Farm, lantern slide lecture by H. B. Fullerton, Long Island; reception to members of the society. Wednesday, 9 A. M.—The Pear, A. W. Slaymaker, Wyoming; Nut Culture, Prof. C. P. Close, Maryland Agriculture Station; Success With Grapes, Harry P. Skipper, Chestertown; Small Fruits, W. F. Allen, Salisbury; Market Gardening, J. T. Shallcross, Jr., Middletown; Experiments with Cabbage and Tomatoes, Prof. E. C. Myers, Pennsylvania State College. Wednesday, 2 P. M.—Address on Education, President R. W. Silvester, Maryland Agricultural College; Reports on Insects, Prof. T. B. Symons, Maryland Agricultural College; Spraying, Prof. G. A. McCue. Delaware Experiment Station; Fungus Diseases, Prof. J. B. S. Norton, Maryland Experiment Station; How to Kill the San Jose Scale, W. T. Cutten, Seaford. Wednesday, 7 30 P. M.—Apples, J. W. Kerr, Denton; Apples, lantern slide illustration of methods, E. Cyrus Miller, Massachusetts.

Issuing Auto Licenses

The number of State automobile licenses taken out by residents of Delaware for 1910 has been unusually large. Under the law the new licenses for 1910 become operative on January 1st. By arrangements made with the Secretary of State, Charles G. Guyer, of Wilmington, secretary of the Delaware Automobile Association, has been given authority to issue licenses and make the proper registration.

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MANY DIVORCES ON TRIAL LISTS

Fifty-nine Are Scheduled to Come Before January Term of Court

The trial list of the January term of the Superior Court shows 49 divorce cases pending, as follows:

Lily M. Megginson vs. Richard R. Megginson, William E. Solloway vs. Iva Dell Solloway, John M. Wilkinson vs. Hattie M. Wilkinson, James A. Knight, Jr., vs. Agnes M. Knight, William C. Ward vs. Mary E. Ward, Charles W. Martin vs. Bertha Martin, Ella E. Coates vs. William T. Coates, Hattie A. Zeyher vs. George D. Zeyher, William M. Reed vs. Elizabeth M. Reed, Frances S. Jarrell vs. William A. Jarrell, George M. Smith vs. Ollie Donovan Smith, Alois Philip vs. Daisy C. Philip, Howard L. Slawter vs. Laura V. Slawter, Margaret E. Maguire vs. Dennis W. Maguire, Rebecca Locke Kloberg vs. George J. Kloberg, John Christopher Wood vs. Elizabeth Harrison Wood, Blanche Hart vs. Thomas H. Hart, Frances M. Keifer vs. Harry S. Keifer, Mary R. Densten vs. Enoch C. Densten, Elsworth Reed vs. Mary R. Reed, Mary Elizabeth Diggins vs. Earl Carlton Diggans, Frances H. Dogett vs. Luther W. Dogett, Laura E. Bowen vs. Samuel J. Bowen, Elmer Webb, an infant by his next friend, Solomon Webb vs. Baintron Webb, Carrie B. Naudain vs. Howard M. Naudain, Reuben Shelton vs. Clara Shelton, England; Delis H. Griffith vs. Charles N. Griffith, Mary C. Barnes vs. Charles E. Barnes, Margaret R. Bubb vs. Curtis G. Bubb, Nicholas E. Hirsch vs. Johanna Hirsch, Alfred H. Lobb vs. Mary Jane Lobb, Blanche Adella Masten vs. Herbert Masten, Emma Campbell vs. Franklin P. Campbell, Viola Jones vs. George E. Jones, John N. Loebe vs Annie Loebe, Mary Louise Adams vs. William Adams, Charles F. Logan vs. Florence E. Logan, Arabella Haynes vs. Norman B. Haynes, May McGarvey vs. Robert McGarvey, Evelyn Rose Bartling Beasley vs. Charles Fenton Mercer Beasley, Lillian C. Shook vs. George W. Shook, Sarah H. Russell by her next friend, John S. Boddy vs. James Russell, Ida May Pennington vs. James H. Pennington, James Cowcill vs. Elizabeth B. Cowcill, Robert J. Turner vs. Josephine M. R. Turner, Inzie Frampton vs. James T. Frampton, James E. Coursey vs. Mary Eliza Coursey, Louise S. Hoffman vs. Robert S. Hoffman, Clara H. Lemmon vs. William C. Lemmon.

CECILTON

Clifton Burke, of Philadelphia, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Miss Lillian M. Short who graduated from Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, has returned home.

Mr. J. G. Manlove, wife and son Dallas spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Manlove.

Harry Budd, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. H. Budd and wife.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. McCoy.

George Oldham, Jr., was a Philadelphia visitor last week.

William Anderson, of St. Johns College, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Anderson.

Harold Padley, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Padley.

Alexander Jackson, of Wilmington, is visiting friends in town.

Harry Gary, of Kennedyville, is visiting Everett Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smith moved in their new residence on Monday,

At this writting we are receiving but one mail a day and it is very irregular.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Short and Miss Georgia Walmsley attended the commencement exercises of Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, on Thursday.

LYE STEWED PEACHES

The pure food agitation which has been principally over the question of benzoate of soda has now taken a new turn and renewed interest will doubtless be aroused over this question.

It is said that in most of the canneries of the country peaches are stewed in red-hot caustic soda to eat away the skins and thereby save the cost of knife peeling, the difference in cost amounting to a cent and a half or two cents per can.

In the process of this lye stewing, almost all the flavor of the peach disappears and doubtless a little caustic soda is left on each piece of fruit as a memento of its trip through the cannery.

Caustic soda strong enough to eat away the skin of an unripe peach must be anything but soothing to the inner man and child. The full significance of this is best understood in connection with the fact that caustic soda is used in making many kinds of soap; in fact, it is the dirt eating part of soap.

It is said that the great majority of the canneries use the lye process in place of the knife-peeling method. Attempts have been made for sometime to get the Department of Agriculture to make a ruling on this question which would compel the canners who use this method to say so on the labels of their goods. It looks now as if the question will be passed up to Congress for a specific law covering this phase of the pure food agitation.

The use of caustic soda is impossible with ripe fruit because it discolors a ripe peach so that it will not pass muster with the users of high-grade canned fruits. In consequence this process is possible only with unripe fruit, and green fruit is purposely gathered for canning.

Owing to the absence of any marks on the cans to indicate the use of caustic soda, the only way the customer can tell if he has purchased a lye process can of fruit is by taste. Open a can of peaches, wash away the syrup from a piece of the fruit. Then taste it. If it is void of flavor, woody and pulpy, and has a soapy appearance, it is undoubtedly the lye peeled variety.

Construction Company Incorporated

DOVER, DEL., December 29th.—The State Department of Delaware to-day issued certificates of incorporation to the Odessa Construction Company to carry on a general construction business. The incorporators are Frederick B. Cook, Leroy D. Ball, of New York, and Corbit Vinyard, of Middletown. The capital stock is $25,000.

THE SNOW STORM

Delaware Snow Bound by the Biggest Storm Experienced in Years

The snow storm which struck this section on the afternoon of Christmas Day was one of the heaviest experienced in years, and the blockade resultant was complete. Sunday morning there was over two feet of snow on the level and in places it had drifted to five or six feet. It was impossible for even the milkmen to make their rounds Sunday morning, and there was a small milk famine all over town.

No attempt was made to break any of the streets Sunday, and the same condition practically prevailed Monday. On Tuesday several teams from the country reached the creamery with milk, a few sleighs ventured out, but the blockade of all the county roads remained intact.

All over town heavy limbs of trees were broken by the weight of the snow, and several awnings were crushed and broken.

The railroad blockade was complete and few trains came through Monday. In fact, Saturday night's midnight train, southbound, did not arive here till Monday afternoon, with the passengers nearly famished.

Buildings Damaged

The snow was heavy and roofs were in danger of being crushed, but the only ones to suffer to any extent was at the hot house of Mr. E. J. Steele on West Main street, and the large agricultural warehouse of Davis Bros., on South Broad street. One of Mr. Steele's hot-houses was crushed by the snow and his loss in flowers will amount to several hundred dollars. He will rebuild immediately. The roof of Davis Bros. warehouse was considerably damaged, but a force of men saved the building from any serious injury. Mr. Steele's loss was the most serious and he has the deepest sympathy of all.

Seven Trains Delayed

Railroad traffic was at a standstill on Tuesday morning and had been since Monday afternoon and the indications were that matters would remain in that condition the balance of the day, because of an accident just north of Middletown, which befell the southbound train, arriving here at 3.15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, but one of the sidings was opened and traffic north and south was resumed at 11.30 Tuesday. Because of the accident seven trains were stalled at this point. Each of the seven trains was well filled with passengers, who were taken care of. They were provided with sandwiches and coffee, and many of them took meals at the Hotels, and as the cars were warm, there was no actual suffering.

The trouble was primarily due to the derailing of part of the train which left Wilmington at 2.53 o'clock which, because of the snow in the switches, left the tracks at a switch near the station.

Immediately after the accident happened the railroad company brought a powerful derrick car to the scene from the yards at Clayton, but the derrick had just gotten to work when the table supporting it snapped, rendering the big lift useless. Jacks were resorted to and the men at work did everything possible to replace the derailed cars with them, but it was slow work. The effort continued all of Tuesday night but without success.

It was particularly unfortunate that the trouble referred to above should have occurred on the main line of the Delaware railroad, and at a point where traffic was blocked in both directions. The train which was derailed was No. 39. The track appeared to be in good shape and the run was made without incident, the train arriving here about 4 o'clock. As it was about to proceed south, however, at that point, a crossover switch, which had been choked with ice and snow, caused the locomotive to leave the tracks. A crane was summoned from Clayton, which arrived after some delay. Meanwhile, about 4.30 o'clock, train No. 45 arrived, and in succession came train No. 31, and No. 41, and all were held up on the upper side of the derailed train. The northbound trains stalled at the scene of the accident were Nos. 48, 46 and 50, Norfolk express, due here at 3.23. All of these trains were compelled to spend the night above and below Middletown station, the trackmen being engaged in an effort to replace the derailed engine.

SEVERE STORMS

The first real blizzard to occur in this section so as to completely block traffic and cause great suffering occurred on March 12, 1888, when trains on the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad were snowbound from Sunday night until Thursday afternoon. The worse storms since that time have been as follows:

March, 1888—Snow fell three days, from March 12 to 14, following a general freeze up. Wind blew at 40 miles an hour. Thermometer below zero. Wires down and street cars tied up all over the country. Many persons lost their lives in the bitter cold.

February, 1895—Snow fell February 7 and 8, followed by winds at 30 miles an hour and zero weather. Storm centered about Washington, D. C., and the Southern mail was snowbound between that city and Alexandria from Thursday night until Sunday afternoon. The P., W. & B. R. R. was blocked in several places and traffic greatly impeded.

February, 1899—Snow fell three days, February 11 to 13. Storm affected Central Atlantic States and centered in Baltimore. Snow drifts many feet high and thermometer at zero.

February, 1902—Famous ice and sleet storm, on February 21 and 22, extending North to Boston and South to Richmond. Limbs of trees, telegraph and trolley wires fell beneath weight of ice. Business at a standstill.

January, 1905—Snow and rain storm with all the elements of a blizzard visited this vicinity, causing a general tie up of business and traffic.

February, 1908—Snowstorm, embracing sections of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, tied up steam and electric railway traffic and crippled business.

March, 1909—The territory between Washington and Philadelphia was cut off by a snowstorm which started March 3. President Taft was inaugurated while blizzard raged. Storm damage in and near Baltimore, $1,000,000. Baltimore did not get in full communication with outside world for a week.

December, 1909—Snow fell all day December 25th. (If you do not believe it, go take a look around.)

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Monday, January 3, '10

At which time seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premiums on Deposit Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid.

The Directors have declared a Dividend of eight (8) per cent. out of the Surplus Fund. On all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 3d, 1910.

Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL W. CORBIT, President.
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.

Odessa, Del., December 15th, 1909.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN

Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1909.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on Saturday, January 8th. 1909, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN

Middletown, Del., Dec. 9th, 1909.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1909, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK Odessa, Del., Dec. 10th, 1909.

The Stockholders annual meeting for the election of Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on Wednesday, January 5th, 1910, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

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Men's $10 and $12 Overcoats, $6.00.
Men's $5 and $8 Overcoats, $4.00.
Ladies' Skirts, were $2 and $3, at $1.75.
Ladies' $8 and $10 long black Coats, $5.50.
Ladis' $15 Coat Suits, $9.00.
Children's Norfolk Suits, sizes 3 to 8, were $2.50, $1.50.
Boys' $3 50 Suits, at $2.50.
Girls Coats, were $2 50 and $3 00, at $1.50.
Girls all wool skirts, were $3.00, at $1.75.

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Also a lot of Ladies' fleeced lined ribbed Vests and Pants, were 25c., now 19c. These goods are all new stock.

Here is another snap. Baker's high-grade assorted Toilet Soap, was 5c., now 2½c. per cake.

Now that Xmas is over, you will need something to clean your silver. We offer C. P. Baker & Co.'s Instantoneous Silver Polish. Large size porcelain jar, was 25c., now 15c. 10c. size, now 5c.

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.3s a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 1, 1910

Local News

All $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00 hats at $1.98 at A. FOGEL's.

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ROBT. B. JONES.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

FOR RENT.—Store and dwelling at Mt. Pleasant. Possession given at once. Apply to T. E. CLAYTON.
Mt. Pleasant, Del

The members of St. Annes P. E Sunday school were given their Christmas treat at the Parish house on Wednesday afternoon.

Don't forget that we can supply you with large or small quantities of Ice Cream. All standard flavors.
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Our readers will be interested in the large ad. in this issue of Mr. J. B. Messick, who will close out his entire stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing during the next 30 days.

We start our Winter Clearance Sale on Saturday, January 1st. Every piece of Winter goods is marked down from ⅓ to ½. Come early and have the best selection.
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FOR SALE—A Franklin open grate fire place furnace with extra set of bricks; in perfect order. Will be sold cheap apply to W. S. Letherbury or R. L. Price

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The Week of Prayer will be observed by the Forest Presbyterian Church, and services will be held every evening of next week, excepting Saturday evening. All cordially invited.

The program for the next meeting of the New Century Club includes: Business Meeting; Current Events, Home, Mr. Richard Cochran; Foreign, Miss Lydia E. Cochran; Magazine reading, Miss Emma Kelley.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 23 : Miss Sadie Brown, Acree Johnson, Miss Saitea Johnson, Miss Eolales Pry, Mr. Alfred Lea, Mr. Jos. H. Ward.

J. F. McWhorter & Son have sold and delivered to the government 140 barrels of Atlas Portland Cement, to be used in the construction of the new lighthouse to be built at Taylor's Bridge. The government has used 4 500.000 barrels of cement this year on the Panama Canal alone.

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The young men of Middletown gave their annual New Year's Eve dance in the Middletown Opera House last evening, and while the attendance was not so large as some of the former events, it was a grand success in every particular. Elliot-Orchestra of Wilmington, furnished excellent music and visitors were present from many of the Peninsula towns.

Since our last issue three properties have changed hands as follows: W. Reese Parker has sold his dwelling on Cochran street to Attorney George L Townsend, and E. H. Beck, real estate broker, has purchased the dwelling of Mr. Townsend on West Main street, while Mr. J. J. Northup has purchased the dwelling of Mr. J. Elwood Denny on Crawford street. Mr. Denny will remove to the farm he recently purchased near Port Penn.

Middletown experienced another cold day Thursday. Following a night, during which the mercury dropped at the rate of one degree an hour, the thermometer early Thursday morning registered three degrees above zero. It did not get much above this throughout the morning, and the result was that it was the coldest day of the winter. Thursday night at midnight, the thermometer registered 10 degrees above zero.

At the regular weekly meeting of Damon Lodge, No. 12. K. of P., on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: C. C., H. H. Hilyard; V. S, W. T. Pearce, Jr.; Prelate, R S. Redgrave; M. W., F. J. Blome; K. R. and S., J. C Jolls; M. F.. W. S. Letherbury; M. Ex., L. B. Lee; M. A., T. V. Leonhart; I. G., G. N. Dickinson; O. G., W. Dixon; Grand Representative, Walter Monro; Trustee, W. S. Letherbury.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

Members and friends of Bethesda will please not wait for the ringing of the bell, as the bell will not ring so long as it disturbs Mr. John Spicer, who is ill with typhoid fever.

Sunday next, at 10.30 A. M., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. All the members of Bethesda are requested to be present at this first communion service of the New Year.

A special meeting of the Bethesda choir is called for Saturday evening January 1st, at 7 30.

The 125th anniversary of the organization of Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday ev[illegible]

HYMENEAL

PRICE-COCHRAN

"Oakalona," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Cochran, was the scene of a pretty home wedding on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when their daughter Ethel was united in marriage to Mr. John Elmer Price. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Percy L. Donaghay, rector of St. Annes Church. The house was tastily trimmed for the occasion and to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Emma Pennington, the bridal party entered the parlor, the groom and his best man, Mr. Charles S. Price, Jr., leading, followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. John Vosbell, and the bride on the arm of her father The bride was dressed in white chiffonette, entrain with veil, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. The matron of honor was dressed in white French lawn and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The dining room presented a beautiful scene, where ices, cake and coffee were served. Those present were: Mrs. Richard Cochran, Misses Agnes, Bessie and Patton Cochran, Mrs. J. Frank Pennington, Miss Madeline Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lockwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Price, Miss Mabel Price, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Kelley and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S Price, Jr., Mr. John Vosbell, Mr. Archie Crawford, Mr. Robert Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. George Rhoades, Mr. Lewis Hutchinson and Mr. Albert Donovan.

VISITED PATIENT IN FARM WAGON

Dr. Charles A. Ritchie, one of our busiest physicians, had an experience in the heavy snow on Monday which he does not care to repeat again very soon. When the roads were impassable for teams, Mr. Patrick Maloney, living about a mile in the country, struggled into town through snow anywhere from two to four feet deep, in quest of the physician to attend his little boy, who had suddenly been taken seriously ill The only way Mr. Maloney made the trip was by taking a round-about route and following the Delaware railroad tracks Dr. Ritchie returned with the anxious parent by the same route Mr. Maloney had taken to get into town, and was able to relieve the child of his suffering in a very short time. Tuesday afternoon he visited the home of Mr. John Bendler, who was very ill with pneumonia, four miles in the country. This trip was also made in a farm wagon. Tired as he was from previous exertion, the physician started out on his second call and administered to Mr. Bendler, returning late in the farm wagon with four horses, the only means of travel possible owing to the solid banks of snow piled everywhere. The only ill effect the physician suffered was an extreme soreness in every part of his body the following morning. He is more convinced than ever that an automobile is a more comfortable means of travel than a farm wagon, though there may be occasions when weather conditions are more suited to the wagon.

Closing Out Sale!

Clothing, Enamel, Tinware and Hardware

We have decided to make a change in our business January 1st, and will close out our entire Clothing Department. Also, Enamel, Tinware and Hardware. This is a positive sale. No goods exchanged. Alterations at expense of purchasers. Lot of large Tables for sale. Sale starts December 27th for 30 days. J. B. MESSICK.

SERIOUS RUNAWAY IN KENTON

On Christmas morning the horse of Mr. Short ran away in the village of Kenton and threw him violently to the ground, within a few feet of Dr. Frank Virdin's office whither the unconscious man was borne, bleeding freely. Mr. Short did not recover consciousness for over three hours, and it was feared that his injuries would prove fatal. Though badly battered about the head and losing much blood, he has so far recovered under the Dr.'s wise care as now to be pronounced out of danger.

Though the unlucky accident in a great measure marred the festivities of his own and his cousin's home where he was nursed, yet the fortunate escape from death of this estimable farmer, may rightly be deemed a Happy New Year event for himself and friends.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1910.—Public sale of the personal property of James C. Powell, deceased, at his late residence near Thomas' Corner, in Blackbird Hundred, by Edward Hart Administrator. J. L. Seemans, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1910.—Public sale of farm stock—horses and cattle—by Dan M. Cochran, Jr., at his residence on the "Burnham Farm," near Middletown.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Alfred J. Davidson, near St. Georges. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c, by Scott and Maloney, on the "Ellis Farm," near Townsend. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

LINEMEN CLOSE TO DEATH

FRANKFORD, Del., Dec. 30th—Caught in the snowdrifts with their wagon broken down and both horses tired out, Ollie Farrow, a Middletown telephone man, and Wingate Hastings, of Georgetown, nearly died in the storm before they got warmth and food. The two men started from Georgetown Monday morning to make their way to Selbyville to repair telephone wires.

Six miles from Georgetown their wagon broke down and the horses fell in their tracks. Determined to push on, the pair secured two horses at a farmhouse and rode horseback here, arriving nearly dead from cold and exhaustion.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. Harry Manlove is spending several days in Centreville, Md.

Miss Bertha Jones spent Friday in Philadelphia

Miss Lulu Vinyard will spend Sunday with Centreville, Md., friends.

Miss Ida M. Taylor is visiting friends in Dover.

Miss Helen Hall spent the holidays with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Edmond Blome spent Sunday with friends in Elkton, Md.

Miss Sophia Blome, of Wooddale, spent several days with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Torbert are guests of her mother, Mrs. L. Pennington.

Mrs. W. A. Comegys has returned home, after a visit with her sons in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Hushebeck, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Miss Rosia Weber.

Mrs. Rachel Flinn, of Newport, is the guest of the Misses Gill, on Green street.

Miss Eva Ritchie, of Philadelphia, is visiting her brother, Dr. C. A. Ritchie.

Master Edward Jones, of Salisbury, Md., spent this week at the home of Mr. G. E. Hukill.

Mr. Rossiter McCrone, of Ithaca, N.Y., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. I. R. McCrone.

Mr. Albert Saunders, of Wilmington, spent Christmas with Mr. John Buehm and family.

Miss Elizabeth Holten, of Dover, spent this week with her mother, Mrs. Julia Holten.

Miss Bertha Pyle, of Sugar Town, Pa., spent this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pyle.

Mrs. George Embrey and son, of West Chester, Pa., were guests of Mr. Fred Brady and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Northup were over Christmas visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Gillis, near Wilmington.

Mr George D. Kelley, Jr., of Newark, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Kelley.

Miss Lessie Brown, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ginn, on Crawford street.

Mr. Gilbert Clark, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark, over Christmas.

Master Burton Hall visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rhein, in Odessa, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Taylor, of Philadelphia, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker and son John are spending New Year's with Wilmington relatives.

Mr. C. P. Cochran spent Christmas day with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mendinhall, in Wilmington.

Mr. J. Merritt Lingo, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week with his aunts, the Misses Merritt, on Crawford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nowland and son, of Philadelphia, were Christmas visitors with Mr. W. S. Letherbury and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Draper, of Upland Pa., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Evans, near town.

Mrs. George Richards is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Crossland, near Delaware City.

Miss Lydia Dockety, of Stanton, was the guest of Miss Lulu Vinyard several days this week.

Mr. Philip Short, of near Georgetown, was the guest of Mrs. Dutton and daughter over Christmas.

Miss Amy McGuire, of Wilmington, spent Christmas with her brother, Mr. John McGuire and wife.

Mrs. Braceland and granddaughter, Marguerite Walker, spent this week with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. William Cox and granddaughter, Marian Daniels, visited relatives in Wilmington the past week.

Mr. T. Oakley Vinyard, of Jersey City, N. J., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinyard, on East Main street.

The many friends of Mr. John B. Spicer will regret to learn of his serious illness with typhoid fever at his home on East Main street.

Rev. William H. Hutchin was called to Philadelphia last week, because of the serious illness of his brother, Prof. D. W. Hutchin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten and Miss Jean Metten spent Christmas day with Mr. W. F. Metten and family, in Wilmington.

Mr. Grant Rowbotham, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, were over Christmas visitors with Mr. Samuel Price and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green, of Philadelphia, and Mr. William Green, of New York, have been visiting their mother, Mrs. E. C. Green, on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran returned home on Wednesday, after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Harrington, in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Barnard and sons, of Wilmington, spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cuthbert Peverley and little child, and Mr. Sidney Peverley, of Mechanicsville, Md., were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. G. V. Peverley.

Mrs. H. S. Brady and little daughter, of near Mt. Pleasant, spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Burnham and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Burnham, of New York, were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. E J. Pennington, on Cass street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker entertained Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker and Dr. and Mrs. John C. Stites, of Middletown, on Christmas day.

Miss Mollie Caldwell, of Port Deposit, Md.; Mr. Hope Caldwell, of New York City, and Mr. Frank Caldwell, of Boston, Mass., spent several days during the past week with Rev. V. S. Collins and family at the M. E. Parsonage.

Mr. Danial W. Stevens spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. Leslie Joseph, of Lewes, is the guest of Mrs. Corbit Vinyard, on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green, of Salem, N. J. spent Thursday in town, guests at the Middletown Hotel.

Mr. John B. Spicer is critically ill at his home on East Main street, suffering with typhoid fever.

Mr. John B. Bendler who resides near Warwick, is seriously ill with pneumonia, but is reported to be somewhat improved at this writing.

ST. GEORGES

Owing to the storm there was no service in either of our churches last Sunday.

Chester Moore, of Newark, was a Christmas guest at the home of H. C. Clark and sister.

Mrs. Martha Heisel is entertaining her grandson, Thomas Heiry, of Wilmington.

Miss Nan Straub, of Earnhurst, who has been a guest of her mother, has returned home.

Miss Beatrice Haman, of New Castle, is spending the holidays with relatives in and near town.

Rev. Wilmer L. Gray and brother, Harry, were Holiday visitors with their father, M. J. Gray and wife.

Robert Wairaven, who was an Xmas guest of his mother, Mrs. Albert Lawrence has returned to Philadelphia.

Mr. Warren, of New York, spent Christmas with his wife, who is a guest of her father, Seth O. Givens.

Mrs. Charles Rommel and children, of Baltimore, are guests of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Milligan, at the Manse.

Harry Lester and family and Samuel Lester and family were Christmas guests of their father, Edward Lester. Sr., and wife.

Harry Buckson and wife on Christmas day entertained Samuel Haman and wife, and William Haman, wife and daughter, of New Castle.

Albert Sutton and wife over Xmas entertained George Bright and wife, of Delaware City, and Clarence Pool, wife and son, Zadoc, of McDonough.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of the M. E. Church, will meet at the home of Mrs. Edward Lester on Thursday, January 6th, at 2.30 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all members to be present.

The harvesting of ice last Friday by the citizens of the town and vicinity, gave employment to a number of men, and with but few exceptions all the ice houses are filled with a good quality ice, between five and six inches.

The unusually heavy snow storm of Saturday and Sunday so blocked our public roads that a number of visitors to the town were held here until Monday, when the road was opened by a force of men under direction of M. J. Gray, supervisor of road work for West Red Lion Hundred.

One of the results of the Xmas snow storm was the detention of the mail service and passenger transportation between Kirkwood and St. Georges, but our general liveryman, Mr. Leontine McWhorter, was equal to the occasion and on Monday afternoon, with a four-horse wagon, conveyed a party of eleven young folks who had been storm stayed, to Kirkwood, where after a wait of four hours they boarded a train enroute to their homes in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1 $1.12	Corn—
No. 2	Yellow, shelled 60
Timothy Seed $2.50	" cob 60
Clover Seed .11½	Oats 60

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE

Eggs, per doz	34@36
Country Butter, per lb	37@42
Creamery Butter, per lb	45
Lard, per lb	14@12
Live Chickens, per lb	14@16
Potatoes	35@45

ODESSA

Prof. A. M. Mackey is spending the holidays with friends in Newark.

Mr. O. C. Stevens, of River Head, L. I., is spending the holidays at home.

Captain Woodall and wife spent Christmasday with relatives in Still Pond, Md.

Mr. William Johnson spent several days this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Margaret Ginn, of Townsend, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. I. G. Webb.

Mr. Harry Rose, of Delaware City, visited his sister, Miss Mollie Rose, last week.

Rev. R. L. Hallett, wife and little son are spending a few days with relatives in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whittock spent several days this week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Price Stevens and Mr. Robert Douglas visited friends in Chester Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. William Rhein, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhein.

Miss Ethel Ward, of Chester, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, this week.

Mrs. Harry Cook and Miss Belle Rose, of Philadelphia, are guests of their sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens.

Miss Mary Naudain, of Middletown, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Ford.

Miss Mary Gilch, who has been spending sometimes with relatives in Baltimore, Md., has returned home.

Mr. Joseph M. Armstrong was the guest of his brother, Edward G. Armstrong and wife, a few days last week.

Mr. James K. Orrell, of Lower Providence, Pa., is the guest of his son, A. Lee Orrell and wife, this week.

Mr. William Rhodes, of Camden, N. J., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rhodes, on Christmas day.

Miss Lou Skelenger, of Wilmington, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Emma Eccles, on Wednesday and Thursday last.

Mr. Robert Mobray and wife, and Mrs. Joseph Hampson, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Dorothy Gilch.

Mrs. Oakley Vinyard and little daughter Helen, of Jersey City, N. J., are visiting her mother, Mrs Theodore. Long, this week.

The St. Pauls M. E. Sunday School Christmas entertainment has been postponed on account of the heavy snow storm.

Mr. Theodore Craft, of Philadelphia, and Mr. George Craft, of Newark, N. J., spent Christmas Day with their mother, Eliza Craft.

Miss Cornelia Townsend, of New York City, and Messrs. William and Harry Townsend, of Wilmington, are visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend, Sr.

Last Wednesday evening the annual Christmas entertainment was held in Drawyers Presbyterian Church, Odessa, and a treat was given to the scholars of the Sunday school. The lecture room was beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe and evergreens, while a tree most artistically trimmed in the center of the brilliantly lighted room gave a charming effect to the scene. A fine musical and literary program was rendered. Miss Jeanette Watkins presided at the piano, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Watkins on the cornet. Several pleasing Christmas Anthems were given by the choir. A solo and duet by Mrs. Niles and Miss Deakyne were delightfully rendered. The recitations by the children reflected great credit upon those who composed the committee on entertainment. One of the pleasing features of the affair was two recitations by Dr. Jerome Dana Niles from James Whitcomb Riley, entitled, "William Whipple," and "Nothing More To Say." These selections were much appreciated and the manner in which they were delivered proved, the doctor to be an elocutionist of more than ordinary ability. After the entertainment each scholar received a box of candy and an orange. Many of the scholars received prizes for faithful attendance. The ladies of the church presented to Master Robert Lee Hallett, son of Rev. Hallett, a rocking chair. This so delighted the child that he could not wait for it to be unwrapped, before he sat down in it. A social time followed the entertainment, which was most heartily enjoyed by all.

Found Man Frozen to Death

The dead body of an unidentified white man was found by P., B. and W. R. R. men in a refrigerator car at Perryville, Md., Thursday morning. He had evidently been frozen to death during the storm that began on Christmas Day. The car had been standing on a siding at Perryville since Saturday and it is supposed that the man sought shelter in it when the storm came up. Closing the door behind him he became a prisoner when the door locked. The car did not contain ice. The man was about 40 years old and was fairly well dressed. His body was turned over to the coroner of Cecil county, Md.

FOR SALE!

I have the following valuable farms for sale:
386 acres ½ mile from Forest Station.
213 acres 1 mile from Mt. Pleasant.
165 acres 1 mile from Mt. Pleasant.
186 acres on Levels.
196 acres 2 miles from Middletown.
153 acres ½ mile from Townsend.
240 acres ½ mile from Reybolds.
175 acres at Forest Station.
These farms are all near stations and possession will be given in March next.
G. W. INGRAM,
Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE!

Scarlet Clover Hay, baled	$16.00 ton
Cotton Seed Meal	$35.00 ton
Bran	$25.00 ton
Old fashioned Buckwheat Flour	$ 3.00 bag

JOSEPH E. HOLLAND,
Milford, Del.

The Transcript, $1

Winter Overcoats

Extra values in late comers and new styles; Military Protector [illegible] at $10, $12, $15 and up [illegible] Presto Double Collars, ~~$15, $18~~, $20 and $25. Velvet and Plain Collars at $6 to $20. Silk Lined, $25, $30 and $35. Raincoats, $10 to $25. Storm Coats and Ulsters $6 to $25. Reefers, $2.50 to $10. Heavy Odd Trousers and Heavy Suits. All sizes in Reefers, Overcoats and Suits for Young Men, Boys and Little Boys. Some new values in Worsted Suits for Men, Dark Neat Mixtures at $12, $15 and $20. All sizes Stouts, Regular and Slims Black Suits, $10, $12, $15 and up to $25. Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits, $20 to $40. Prince Albert Suits, $20, $25 and $30. Everything in Sweaters, Heavy Underwear, and all kinds of Furnishings.

MULLIN'S MEN'S STORE
WILMINGTON

ASTIGMATISM
of the Eye

WHEN an eye is said to be astigmatic, the meaning is that the eye has a double focus. This annoys the brain and the eye will strain unconsciously to bring about a clear focus; this strain usually causes headaches. Astigmatism is usually congenital or so at birth—it is remedied by wearing glasses ground from the segment of a cylinder. These glasses, if rightly made, bring images to a focus on the retina thus relieve all strain. Children as well as adults suffer from astigmatism. I am prepared to correct all common or complicated errors of sight—my examinations are free.

DR. MAURICE B. BURSTAN
Registered Optometrist Optician.
Cor. Broad and Main St.
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 24th, 1909.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 1st, 1910.
G. D. KELLEY Cashier.

Middletown. **J. B. MESSICK** Middletown.

A Gigantic Clearance Sale of Men's and Boys' High-Grade Clothing

We need more store room for our growing Dry Goods business---that's why we are going to close out our entire stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing.

MEN AND MOTHERS

Here's a buying opportunity such as you have never before witnessed—your dollars have a greater purchasing power at this sale than what you ever thought they would have. You want to save money on clothing needs—you cannot afford to ignore this chance to save.

Our Loss is Your Profit. Here's a Chance to Economize at Our Expense.

We are going to make a quick and decisive clearance—that's why we've marked these high quality garments at such low prices. Remember they are cut on this season's newest and best models; dependably tailored throughout; perfect in fit and finish. We cannot urge you too strongly to come early if you want to share in the bargains this sale offers.

SALE COMMENCES Monday, December 27th, 1909

Here's your Suit or Overcoat Mr. Man at a saving to you!

The suits come in black, brown, gray and blue; made of fine Cheviots, Cassimers and Worsteds, cut on the new three-button dip front style, three and four button straight front style and in the ever popular double breasted.

The overcoats come in the various lengths now so popular; in the box back, button through style and in the wanted protector cut. Made of Kerseys, Vicumas and Melton, durably lined and finished throughout They were exceptional bargains at our regular price. Now they are here for your choosing at manufacturing cost.

Men's Suits and Overcoats, regular $20 values $12.50
Men's Suits and Overcoats, regular $18 values 11.50
Men's Suits and Overcoats, regular $15 values 10.50
Men's Suits and Overcoats, regular $10 values 6.85
Men's Suits and Overcoats, regular $7.50 values 5.25

Boys' Long Pants Suits, priced at cost of material alone

They are cut on models that are exceptionally becoming to the young man, in the wanted colorings and patterns; these prices prove the importance of buying now.

$12.00 values ..... $8.75 $10.00 values $6.85
$7.00 values $5.25

Small Lot of Suits

Age 16 to 19, in black, grey and brown. All sizes in this lot and grouped together for quick sale.
$10.00 values $3.95
This lot of Suits are all wool.

Boys' Long Overcoats

They are made of heavy weight materials, lined throughout with good wearing materials. Overcoats that will shield the boy from wintry blasts. All sizes from 10 to 18 in the lot.
$10.00 values ..... $6.85 $7 50 values $5.25
$4.50 values $2.95

Buy the Boy a Reefer

The fabrics are of good weight and will afford excellent wear, double breasted style with wide storm collar and throat lap, lined throughout with Italian cloth; ideal garments for the little fellows.
$5 50 values ..... $3.95 $4.00 values $2.95
$2.50 values $1.70

Boys' Knee Pants Suits

Come in Knickerbocker pants style, single or double breasted; made to withstand the hardest kind of wear. Come in both light and dark colors and in a variety of nobby patterns; buy the little fellow a suit now. All sizes.
$7.00 values ..... $4.75 $5.00 values $3.85
..... 2.45 3 00 values 1.95

Boys' Knee Pants Suits

Sizes 5 to 14. Small lots in each size. Come in straight pants only
Regular price $5.00 ..... $2.50 Regular price $4.00 ..... $1.90
Regular price 3.00 ..... 1.65 Regular price 2.00 ..... .95

Men's White Linen Duck Vests

$2.00, $2.50, $3.00 value. All at one price $1.00

Men's Dress Pants

Regular $5.00 value ..... $4.00 Regular $4.00 value $3.00
Regular 3.00 value ..... 2.00 Regular 2 00 value 1.50

Men's Corduroy Pants

Values, $2.50 to $3.50. All at one price ..... $2.00 a pair

Men's White and Black Alapaca Waiter's Coats

$3 00 values ..... $1.50 $2.00 values $1.00

Men's Corduroy Suits

Sizes, 36, 40, 42.
Regular $10.00 values $6.90

Men's Reefers

Blue Chinchilla, wool lined. Regular [illegible] value $6.50

Men's Ree[illegible]

Greys, Milton, Ker[illegible]
$5.00 values ..... $3.[illegible]

Business is Business

BY W. R. ROSE

The [illegible] Ramsey Hale were in [illegible] shape, An unexpected financial disaster had shaken the merchant's confidence in himself. He realized, too, that he was carrying a load that a man of his years shouldn't attempt to shoulder alone.

Things went from bad to worse. Ramsey kept his own counsel as he kept his books. He felt that there was no one about him that he could trust with the story of his troubles. At home there was no one save his daughter Ruth. And she was only a girl.

And then the continued worry brought a natural result. The merchant collapsed at his desk one warm afternoon and was carried home.

He had fought them when they tried to take him away. He had moaned and wrung his hands when he was put to bed.

Ruth, he had wildly called.

She was by his side, bending over him, but he didn't know her.

A blessed unconsciousness came upon him and when he awoke the next morning he was like a little child.

It may be months before he is himself again, said the old doctor. Perhaps his memory will never come back. He worked his brain beyond the limit. Some great trouble must have possessed him. Have you any idea what it was?

He never confided in me, said the girl, sadly. There was a side of my father that I never saw. When he crossed the threshold of home he seemed to put away all his cares—but lately I have noticed that he brooded at times and that he would forget that I was near him.

His mind is resting now, said the old doctor. We can only hope that it will awaken refreshed and clear—although he can never be the clever man of business he once was.

Poor father, murmured the girl, One moment, Dr. Addison. If the trouble that has worried my father relates to business, wouldn't it be well to keep his true condition as quiet as possible until I can find out something concerning his affairs?

An excellent thought, said the doctor. Perhaps you'd better consult one of your father's old friends—a lawyer preferably.

Not yet, replied the girl. I want first to see what I can discover alone.

The old doctor looked at her and nodded. Then he put out his hand and took the girl's.

You're a fine young woman, he said.

The girl had found in her father's breast pocket a sealed letter with her name on the envelope. When the doctor had gone she broke the seal and read the letter slowly.

My dear daughter, it began; I am writing this because I fear that some emergency may suddenly confront you. My business affairs are much involved and I seem to have lost the power to straighten them out. There are a dozen creditors who may at any moment precipitate a crash, but there is only one I really fear. That is the house of John Nelson & Son, to whom I owe $65,000. The firm is hard and unyielding. I will not give you any technical details, but if anything happens to me go to my old friend, Judge Henry Allerton, and ask him to take charge of everything. I want the creditors satisfied, although this will leave you very little, my dear. There will be some insurance, and I know that your Aunt Edgerton in Denver will gladly give you a home. Be a brave girl, my daughter, and try to think that I always meant to do for the best. Your unhappy father.

The girl wiped her eyes and put the letter back in its envelope.

Poor daddy, she murmured, why didn't he confide in me? Am I so worthless, so unreliable?

She arose quickly and went to her father's room and consulted the nurse. There was no change and no probability of any.

Then the girl told the housekeeper not to expect her home until dinner. A ba[illegible]later [illegible]er's [illegible]he

I am very sorry, miss. Is there anything I can do?

How much do you know of my father's affairs, Mr. Trissel?

He was very close mouthed, miss.

I want you to help me, Mr. Trissel, in straightening out my father's papers.

I hope I can help you, miss.

Two days' steady work convinced the girl that she needed expert help. The old bookkeeper was a man of routine and very slow. The girl advertised for a skiled accountant.

When she reached the office the next morning a young man was waiting in the anteroom. He bowed as she paused and looked at him. He was a keen eyed young man of perhaps thirty.

I wish to see Mr. Hale, he explained.

It is Miss Hale you wish to see, she told him. Step into my office.

He followed her wonderingly. She pointed to a chair.

The position I have to offer is a confidential one, she said. My father, Ramsey Hale, has been stricken down by an acute attack that entirely unfits him for work. I am doing my best to straighten out his business, but find that I need expert help. It is necessary to know just how his affairs stand as soon as possible Will you undertake this work?

He hesitated. Then he nodded.

Yes, he answered, I will undertake it. Do you wish reference?

She looked at him carefully.

No, she replied, I am sure I can trust you.

I wil begin at once, he said, and stepped forward.

All that day he was comparing, checking, verifying.

There were other applicants for the expert's position, but Ruth Hale was glad this very earnest young man had been the first to apply.

At 5.30 he approached Ruth's desk.

We have made a good beginning, he said. Do you wish me to continue the work?

Yes, replied Ruth, a little more hastily than she intended. Then she suddenly smiled. You see that I am only an apprentice in business. I haven't even asked your name.

He hesitated slightly.

Richard Grant, he replied.

And what—what salary have you been accustomed to receiving.

He smiled.

I have been employed by the year, he replied. This looks like merely a temporary job. Anyway, let us wait until the work is up. At 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, then. And I hope you will find your father better.

Ruth went home feeling more relieved than she had for many hours.

There was something reassuring about this young man. He was so clever and quick and he was a gentleman.

But if he didn't come in the morning!

He was there, however, and already busy. He greeted her smilingly and went on with his work.

The mail was lying on her desk.

She opened the letters and found several that were both puzzling and dismaying.

Presently she looked around.

Mr. Grant, she said. The young man with his head bent over his papers did not look up. Mr. Grant, she called again.

He looked up a little startled.

Oh, yes, he said, and came to her.

I can't understand some of these letters, she told him. May I trouble you to look them over?

He read the letters carefully and made notes on several.

The creditors are worried by the news of your father's illness, he said. It's a pity they found it out so soon. We must call a meeting and show them the situation. I will get busy on a statement. I think we can meet them day after to morrow.

Ruth looked up at him.

Mr. Grant, she said, it was my father's wish—the last words he wrote—that every creditor of the house should receive what was due him. I mean to sacrifice everything, if necessary—home and furniture and all—to uphold his good name.

There was an admiring quality [illegible]ted on the

think that affairs are not nearly as bad as your father imagined.

The girl clasped her hands.

And do you think we can pay all my father's debts?

Wait, wait, he smilingly cried. There is nothing assured yet. We are going to do the very best we can. And we must persuade the creditors to have patience.

And John Nelson & Son—they are the biggest creditors of all—and father said they would be hard and unyielding. How can we satisfy them?

Richard Grant nodded.

That's a problem, he said. I don't believe they will care to meet with the smaller creditors. Will you authorize me to see the firm personally—as your representative, and with power to arrange matters?

Why, yes, she answered. Very gladly.

And he went back to his work.

Two days later the meeting of creditors took place in her father's room, and Ruth waited in the small ante-room, her gentle heart filled with anxiety.

Richard Grant was with the creditors, and sometime she fancied she could hear his clear voice rise above the general murmur.

Presently he opened the door.

May I ask you to meet these gentlemen, Miss Hale? he asked.

She answered him by promptly entering the room.

Gentlemen, said Richard Grant, *I* have asked Miss *Hale* here in order to have her confirm what *I* have told you. Miss *Hale* is doing her best to straighten her father's affairs. She means to carry out his wishes to the exact letter. Every dollar he possesses will be used to pay his just debts. Not a penny will be reserved. Do *I* state this correctly, Miss *Hale*?

You state it correctly, Ruth answered firmly. My father's reputation must be kept unstained.

There was a brief silence.

That is all, Miss *Hale*, said Richard Grant, and he held the door for her as she passed out.

He reappeared in a few moments.

They're gone, he said. And *I* feel better. Still, they were very reasonable. It was your appearance that clinched matters.

And what was the result of the meeting? Ruth anxiously asked.

They will give you time. They all agree to this. You must furnish them weekly statements. They are all a good lot of fellows.

Did—did you thank them?

Oh, yes. And they sent you their kindest regards. We parted in an excellent humor.

Ruth looked at him gratefully.

Thank you, Mr. Grant, she said. You have been very kind.

Not at all, he quickly answered. Am I not engaged as an expert? Besides, there are John Nelson and his precious son still to humanize. You mustn't forget that they are hard—hard and unyielding.

You fill me with anxiety again, she murmured. I—I am afraid I take business too seriously.

He laughed merrily.

Trust me, he said. I'll contrive to see those human millstones this evening. Don't worry. I know a thing or two about John Nelson that may come in handy if he gets stubborn.

Oh, but would that be right? cried Ruth, her gentle eyes dilating.

Don't worry, Richard Grant repeated. Just trust me.

The next morning he caught the inquiring gaze.

I got at them last night, he said. Yes, I made it very clear to John Nelson that it was to his interest to wait. I showed him what would happen if he precipitated matters. I gave him to understand that things were not as bad as reported. And then I told him about you—about your anxiety to straighten out your father's affairs, and if necessary give up everything you possess. I think he was touched. It is possible that he is not as hard and unyielding as your father supposed. Anyway, John Nelson & Son will take the course followed by the other creditors.

The girl's eyes filled with tears.

Why, why, she murmured, everybody is so kind, so generous. I can't understand.

I find, said Richard Grant, after a quick glance at the girl, that men and women are very apt to prove much better than we may have supposed them. For instance, he added, it was necessary[illegible]orrow[illegible]money.

ened.

I—I can't guess.

From John Nelson.

John Nelson? she stammered.

That's right. He didn't hesitate. And let me tell you this—when John Nelson loans $10,000 he expects to get it back.

Oh, oh, cried the girl, now we owe them $75,000.

Don't worry, laughed Richard Grant.

And he resumed his work.

Richard Grant continued to handle Ramsey Hale's affairs. He had brought business order out of chaos, he had added largely to the earning equipment of the establishment, and he was reducing the claims of the creditors at a very satisfactory rate.

And every day Ruth was in her place at her father's desk, doing her best to be of service. Nor did the young man fail to remember that she was the head of the house. He deferred to her wishes, and she left everything to his judgment. He was the expert accountant and she was only the figurehead—as she told herself many times.

And then she thanked the lucky fates that had brought him to the threshold in her hour of need.

One day he looked up from his papers with a laugh.

Who do you suppose passed by the office a moment or two ago? he asked.

I can't guess, Ruth answered.

It was John Nelson, he answered. I saw him through the window.

John Nelson! Oh, what do you suppose he wanted?

From the deliberate way in which he paused and looked through the window, I am quite certain he wanted to see you.

See me?

Yes. He was very much interested when I told him about you.

But why should he come here?

If you don't like it, Miss Hale, I will go out and chase him away.

No, no, Mr. Grant. He has us too much in his power.

I don't think he means any mischief. I returned his $10,000 loan yesterday.

I wonder, murmured the girl, why he wanted to see me?

The young man looked at her curiously.

Then he bent over his work.

The next morning she came into the office with her face beaming.

What do you think, Mr. Grant, she cried. Father is much better. He actually knew me this morning. But he can't talk yet.

I am very glad he's better, said Richard Grant. Do you expect he will be able to return to business?

No, no, the girl answered. As soon as he is able to travel he is going away.

But you can't be spared from business to go with him, said the young man hastily.

No, replied the girl. We will find some one to go with him.

You will have much to tell him when he is well enough to understand, said Richard Grant.

Yes, said the girl eagerly. I can hardly wait.

Richard Grant arose and came to her.

Miss Hale, he said, there is something I must tell you.

She looked up quickly.

Well?

John Nelson & Son are disposed to be troublesome.

Dear, dear! What can we do?

He drew a quick breath.

John Nelson has made us a hard proposition.

Can—can we carry it out?

That is for you to say.

Tell me what it is.

He hesitated.

John Nelson is willing to compromise his claim against your father. He goes beyond this. He is so well satisfied with the condition of affairs that he is ready to let his son buy an interest in the house and pay a considerable sum for it. But he makes a very hard proposition.

Go on, said Ruth faintly.

John Nelson wants you to marry his son.

She stared at Richard Grant.

Why, I have never seen him!

He faintly smiled.

John Nelson's son isn't much to look at, he said. But you have seen him.

When?

He came here one morning—not knowing that your father had been stricken down—to talk over the claim that John Nelson & Son held against Ramsey Hale. While he was waiting a young woman appeared, a young woman who mistook him for some one she expected.

The girl stared up at him.

You! she cried. Are you John Nelson's son?

I am Richard Grant Nelson. It was a shameless deception, but I'm glad I practiced it. I have told my father the whole story. He knows I [illegible]on. He will love you, too[illegible]swer, dear?

Her eyes

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